

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO**

ASHLAND UNIVERSITY,

Plaintiff,

v.

Case No: 1:23-cv-01850

MIGUEL CARDONA, *in His Official Capacity
as the Secretary of the United States Department
of Education,*

Judge David A. Ruiz

Defendant.

AGREED ORDER

The plaintiff, Ashland University (“AU”), having moved the Court for the issuance of a preliminary injunction against Miguel Cardona, in his official capacity as the Secretary of the United States Department of Education (the “Secretary”) enjoining the Secretary from undertaking any efforts to collect approximately \$6,131,790.46 from AU to enforce a final agency action by the Secretary on August 9, 2023, as confirmed by the Secretary in a notice issued under 34 C.F.R. § 668.119 on September 20, 2023, and the Secretary having agreed to stay any efforts to collect the approximately \$6,131,790.46 from AU during the pendency of this action before the district court, until such time as this Court enters a final, appealable order resolving the claims asserted, and the Court being otherwise sufficiently advised, it is hereby ORDERED and ADJUDGED as follows:

1. The Secretary agrees to stay enforcement of the final agency decision at issue during the pendency of this action before the district court.
2. AU’s Motion for Preliminary Injunction is DENIED without prejudice as moot.

Signed this 13th day of October, 2023.

/s/ David A. Ruiz

DAVID A. RUIZ
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

AGREED TO BY:

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